

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device for a submarine having a pressure hull, wherein the snorkel device comprises:

[[an]] a telescopically movable extendible and retractable snorkel tube including a telescopically movable structure connected to an outside of said pressure hull for extending and retracting an end thereof;

an optical observation means connected to said snorkel tube, for above-water observation ~~using said snorkel device~~ during submarine travel at periscope depth, wherein said optical observation means is formed as a compact unit which comprises an optronics unit and a short-travel drive; and

10 at least one further compact unit ~~is provided which comprises comprising~~ at least one communications means and another short-travel drive, and wherein ~~these compact units of said optical observation means compact unit and [[said]] communications means further compact unit~~ are provided on said telescopically movable extendible and retractable snorkel tube.

2. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit~~ are provided on one of an outer side and an inner side of said snorkel tube, said snorkel tube being able to be extended and retracted.

3. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 2, further comprising:

a common streamlined casing, wherein said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit are provided on said outer side of said snorkel tube[[:] and said [[a]] common, streamlined casing is arranged around said snorkel tube and said compact units.

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4. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 2, wherein said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit are provided on said inner side of said snorkel tube; said snorkel tube itself being at least partly designed in a streamlined manner.

5. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 1, wherein said short-travel drives of said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit include hydraulic cylinder drives.

6. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 2, wherein said short-travel drives of said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit include hydraulic cylinder drives.

7. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 3, wherein said short-travel drives of said compact units optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit include hydraulic cylinder drives.

8. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 4, wherein said short-travel drives of said ~~compact units~~ optical observation means compact unit and said at least one further compact unit include hydraulic cylinder drives.

9. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 1, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for high frequency (HF), very high frequency (VHF), ultra high frequency (UHF) or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 2, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

11. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 3, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

12. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 4, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 5, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 1, further comprising:
~~a yet further another~~ compact unit including an information means driven in a short-travel manner, said information means including one of a GPS unit and an ESM unit.

15. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 2, further comprising:
~~a yet further another~~ compact unit including an information means driven in a short-travel manner, said information means including one of a GPS unit and an ESM unit.

16. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 7, further comprising:
~~a yet further another~~ compact unit including an information means driven in a short-travel manner, said information means including one of a GPS unit and an ESM unit.

17. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 8, further comprising:
~~a yet further another~~ compact unit including an information means driven in a short-travel manner, said information means including one of a GPS unit and an ESM unit.

18. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 16, wherein said

communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) A snorkel device according to claim 17, wherein said communication means includes a radio unit for HF, VHF, UHF or UHF-satcom radio communication or a combination thereof.

20. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device for a submarine having a pressure hull having a pressure space, the device comprising:

a movable snorkel tube movably connected to the submarine pressure hull and movable away from the submarine, said snorkel tube mounted outside of said pressure space;

5 at least one stationary tube located within said snorkel tube in a non-operating position;

a vertical guiding rail;

a rail connected to bottom of said snorkel tube, said rail slidably mounted to said vertical
guiding rail;

a driving means for engaging said rail, said rail telescopically extending said snorkel tube
relative to at least one stationary tube to an operating position;

10 an optical device connected to said snorkel tube in a retracted position, said optical device including comprising an optronics short-travel drive connected to said snorkel tube for moving said optical device vertically relative to said snorkel tube and an optronics unit for above-water observation during [[the]] travel of the submarine at periscope depth, said

15 optronics short-travel drive moving said optronics unit relative to said snorkel tube to an extended position with said optronics unit arranged beyond an end of said snorkel tube; and

20 a communication arrangement connected to said snorkel tube in another retracted position, said communication arrangement ~~including~~ comprising a communications short-travel drive connected to said snorkel tube for moving said communications arrangement ~~vertically~~ relative to said snorkel tube and a communications unit for above-water communication during [[the]] travel of the submarine at periscope depth, said communications short-travel drive moving said communications unit relative to said snorkel tube to another extended position with said communications unit arranged beyond said end of said snorkel tube.

21. (Currently Amended) A snorkel device according to claim 20, wherein said optical device and said communication arrangement are retracted within said snorkel tube in ~~said retracted position~~ a non-operating state.